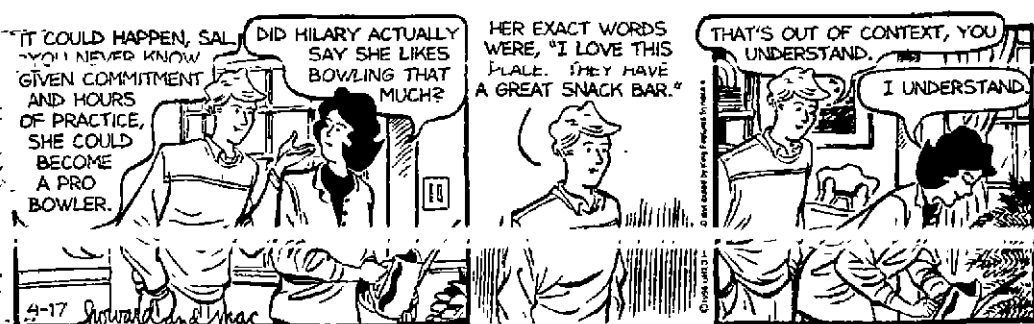


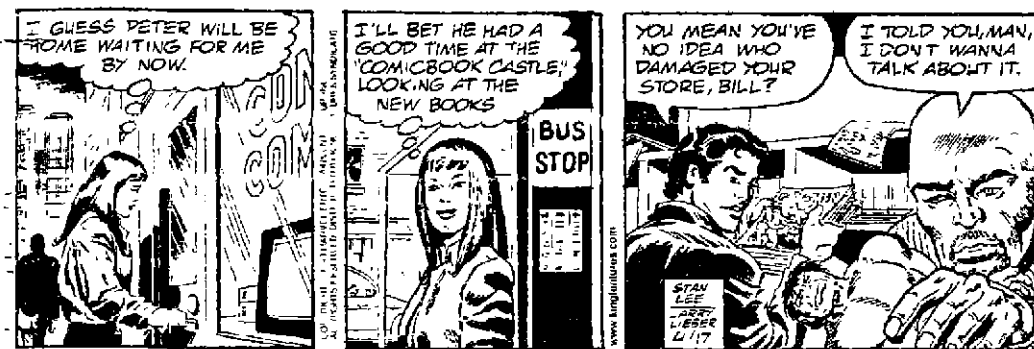
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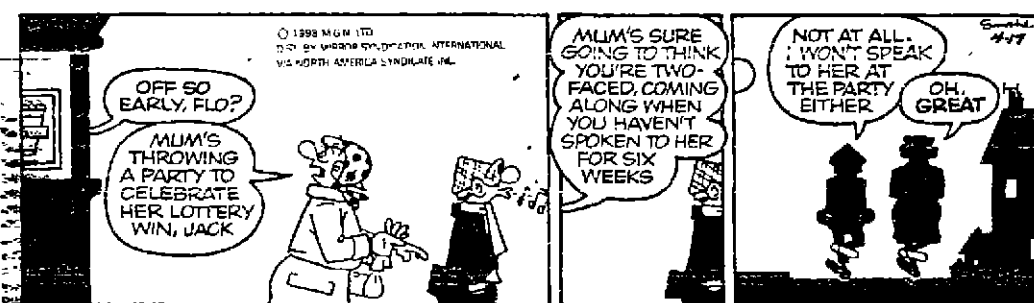
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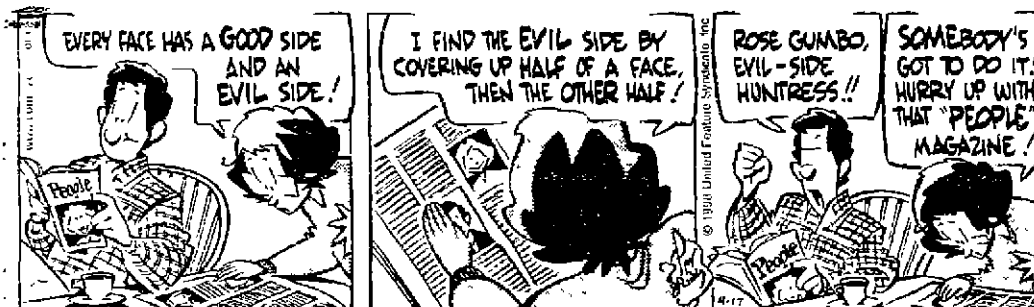
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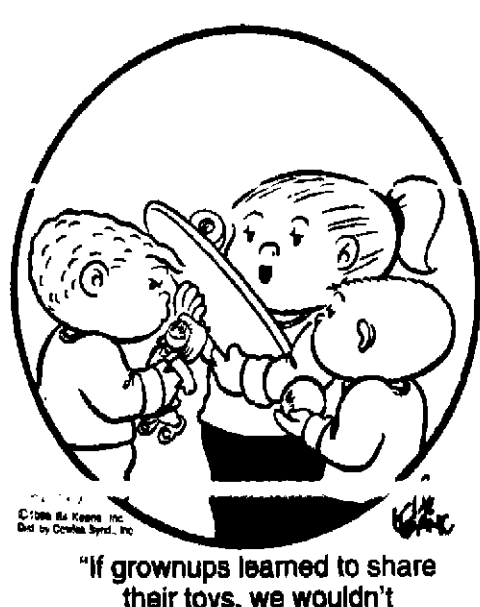
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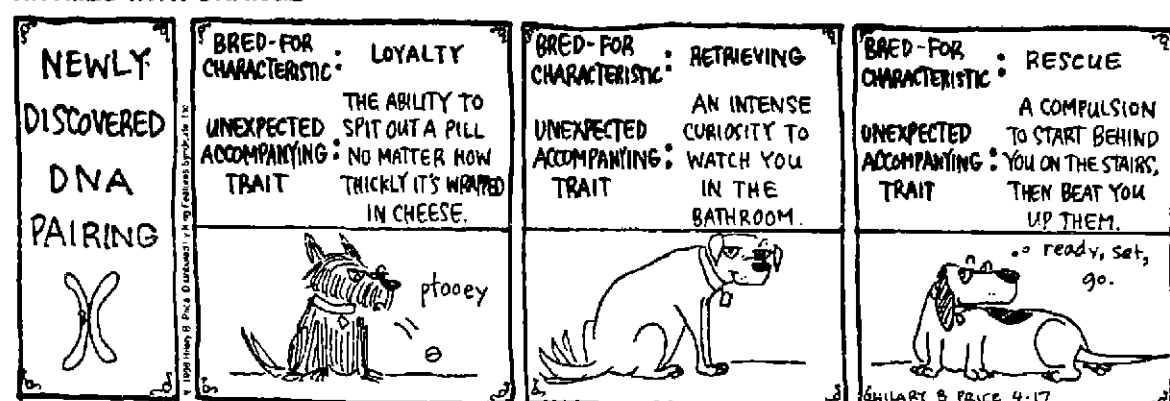
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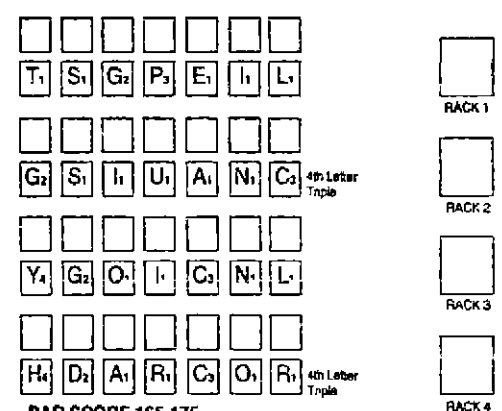
Today's Birthdays

Actor Lon McCallister is 75. Rock promoter Don Pennner is 72. Composer-musician Jan Hammer is 50. Actress Olivia Hussey is 47. Rock singer-musician Pete Shelley (Buzzcocks) is 43. Actress Teri Austin is 39. Actress Lela Rochon is 34. Singer Liz Phair is 31.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



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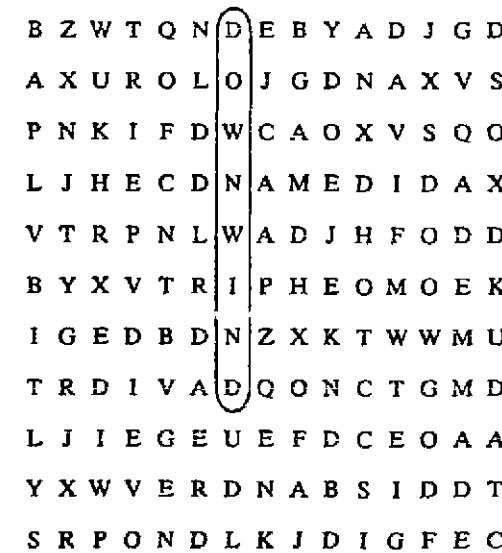
by JUDD

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WORD SLEUTH

Beginning & ending with "d"



Thursday's unlisted clue: MARTIAL

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday's unlisted clue hint: PREVIOUSLY ALIVE

Dad	Deckhand	Did	Downwind
Damned	Deed	Disband	Dread
David	Demand	Dogwood	Dud
Daybed	Diamond	Dotted	

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, April 18, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You have a big list of domestic chores that need attention. Be sure to enlist the cooperation of family members.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your mind is on one thing: getting out and enjoying yourself. Later in the day, take the time to tend to some neglected paperwork.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're trying your hand at something new and exciting. Don't let initial disappointment frustrate you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A short jaunt could lead to an exciting, new acquaintance whose charisma is impressive.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You might take a short trip. If not, you are likely to stick close to home and tend to domestic duties.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Despite your better judgment, you give in to a child's demands. You'll regret the bit of indulgence later on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It's a good time to take up a new hobby or get involved in a sports activity. You feel better when you're physically active.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're true to your word and live up to a commitment. Don't let a certain friend put too many demands on your time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Let go of that resentment you've been harboring toward a certain family member. What happened is long since past and you need to get over it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Butting heads with a recalcitrant friend has both of you upset. Look for a peaceful way to resolve your differences.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) It's not like you to take the easy way out of anything, and it isn't the time to start.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You begin the day with an awe-inspiring spurt of energy. Thus, you accomplish almost everything you'd wanted to do.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Happy to win a free finesse at trick one, South turned his attention to diamonds, his most likely source of tricks. Unfortunately, the diamond finesse lost, and South's game went with it.

South missed a virtually fool-proof plan to make the game. What should he have done before betting all on the diamond finesse? South won his spade 10 and counted nine quick winners if the diamond finesse worked. Impulsively, he led his diamond queen, passing it to East's king. East returned his spade deuce, and South was in trouble. He finessed his queen, not with the hope of winning, but in hope of salvaging the game. If East held only three spades and the club ace, South could reclaim his game. South's recovery effort was a good one, but it didn't work. He should have done his thinking before he played to trick two. To improve his chances, South should have delayed the diamond finesse and tested his broken club suit instead. At trick two, South should have crossed to dummy's heart king to lead a low club from dummy. If East hops up with his ace to clear the spades, South makes his game without risking the diamond finesse. And if East ducks, South wins his king and switches to diamonds. With one club trick home, South's game is now secure whether the diamond finesse wins or loses.

NORTH 64-17A
 ♠ 6
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A J 10 8 3
 ♣ Q 10 6 4 2

WEST **EAST**
 ♠ K J 8 7 3 ♠ 9 5 4 2
 ♥ Q 4 3 ♥ J 8 7 6
 ♦ 6 5 ♦ K 4 2
 ♣ J 8 7 ♣ A 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q 10
 ♥ A 10 9 2
 ♦ Q 9 7
 ♣ K 9 5

Vulnerable Both
 Dealer South

The bidding.

South West North East
 1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
 2 NT Pass 3 NT All pass
 *15-17 HCP
 **minor suits

Opening lead Spade seven

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0306

- ACROSS**
- Frowned-upon conduct
 - A chorus line
 - "Praise be!"
 - Arm wrestler's pride
 - Parking lot prankster, perhaps
 - Pôrto —, Brazil
 - Singer Bobby and others
 - Container weight
 - Bourbon ruler
 - Popular college items of the 20's
 - Hampers
 - First-rate
 - One on foot
 - 90's singer Apple
 - Engine noise
 - Three-time Best Actor nominee
 - Dearth
 - Meditator
 - Sneaky sales tactic
 - What roustabouts put up
 - Most refined
 - Artist influenced by Ingres
 - Troubles
 - Ad —
 - The gamut
 - His invention made skyscrapers possible
 - Hamper contents
 - End of Rick's toast
 - Sybarite's delight
 - Land of Leonidas
 - Bulls
 - Tevye and others
 - Change, as in urban planning
 - Most refined
 - Artist influenced by Ingres
 - Troubles

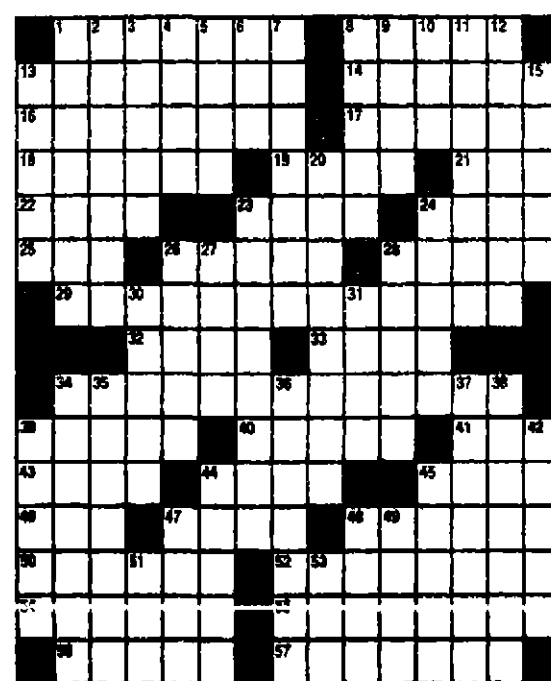
DOWN

- Less hopeful
- "La Traviata" lead
- Sub stations
- Crème caramel
- Double play pair
- City on Guanabara Bay
- Bond order
- They'll give you a lift
- Tee off
- Hot shot
- Compact's lack
- German
- Make sense
- electrolytically
- Wizened
- Ladies' man
- Little Debbie competitor
- Plagiarist

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ARAB ALFAS TETS
 BONY TOOTH AGRA
 HOAGY CARMICHAEL
 LOOF ERINYS
 CHARY MELOT
 EARN OF SANDWICH
 ONE SEPTA SALON
 ARE! DITCH NONG

HERO WORSHIPERS
 OMITS NORSE
 STOLEN CATO
 YELLOW SUBMARINE
 MADE 1981 ERIN
 SUEB NEARS HEND



Puzzle by Brandon Everett Quigley

- 27 Cuzco inhabitant
 28 Watch
 29 Barrage
 31 Chad of "Life Goes On"
 34 Happened to
 42 Strikers' commotion
 44 Where to find dates?
 46 Batman, really
 47 Suburb of Pittsburgh
 48 Estate sharers, often
 49 Kind of fall
 51 Tooth
 53 "___ we having fun yet?"

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